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The Honor of him, to whom the Noble
Fraternitie of Grocers, his Worthy Bro-
thers, have Dedicated their Loues, in costly
Triumphs; the Right Honorable, PATER
PROB. Lord Mair of this
Renowned City.

 O be His Servant, that bath seru'd
Two Royall Princes, and deseru'd
So Worthily of Both; the Same
Call not Service, rather Fame.

At your Lordships Command:

Tbo. Middleton.

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MERCHANDISES. F forreine Nations haue beene
strucke with Admiracion at the
Forme, State, and Splendor of
some yeerly Triumphs, where-
in Arte hath beene but faintly
imitated : There is faire hope
that things where Inuention flourishes, cleere Art,
and her gracefull Proprieties, should receiue fauor
and encouragement from the content of the Spe-
ctator, which next to the seruice of his Honor
and honorable Societie, is the principall reward
it lookes for ; then not despairing of that com-
mon fauour, this takes delight to present it selfe.

And first, to beginne with the worthy loue of
his Noble Fraternity, after his Honors returne
from *Westminster*, hauing receiued some seruice
vpon the Water, by the conduct of two Artfull

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Triumphs. *Vix.* The *Throne of Virtue*, and the *Continent of India*; which also by Land attends his Lordships most wished arriuall, accompanied with the whole body of the *Triumph*, which neere vpon the time of his Honors approch are decently and distinctly placed; the first, bearing the Title of the *Continent of India*: A triumph replenished with all manner of Spice-plants, and trees bearing Odour, attends his Honors arriuall in *Paules Church-yard*; A blacke Personage representing *India*, call'd for her odours and riches, the *Queene of Merchandize*, challinging the most eminent Seate, aduanceth her selfe vpon a bed of Spices, attended by *Indians* in Antique habits: *Commerce*, *Aduenture* and *Traffique*, three habited like Merchants, presenting to her view a bright Figure, bearing the inscription of *Knowledge*, a Sunne appearing aboue the trees in brightest splendor and glory: The blacke *Queene* before mentioned, lending a voyce to these following words:

The Speech.

You that haue eyes of Judgement, and discerne
Things that the best of Man and Life concerne,
Draw neare, this blacke is but my native dye,
But view me with an Intellectuall eye,

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As Wise men shooe their beames forth, youe borde find
A change in the complexion of the mind ;
I me beauteous in my blacknesse, O yee Sonnes
Of Fame and Honor, through my best part runnes
A Spring of living Waters, cleare and true,
Found first by Knowledge, which came first by you,
By you, and your examples, blste Commerce,
That by Exchange serues such happynesse,
Of Gummes and fragrant Spices, I confess
My Climate Heauen do's with abundance bleffe,
And those you haue from me, bin what are they
Compar'd with Odours whose sent ne're decay,
And those I haue from you, plants of your youth,
The Sauour of eternall life sweete Truth,
Exceeding all the odiferous sent,
That from the beds of Spices ever went:
I that command, (being prop'rously posseſt)
The Riches and the Sweetnesse of the East,
To that fam'd Mountainne Taurus spreading forth
My balmy Arme, whose height do's kiffe the North,
And in the Sea Egipt liue this land,
Account my blessings not in those to stand,
Though they be large and fruitfull, but confess
All wealth consists in Christian holynesse,
To such celestiall knowledge I was led;
By English Merchants first enlightened,

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In Honor of whose memory, onely Three
Instance here, all of this Brotherhood free,
To whose Fames the great Honor of this howre
Aptly belongs, but to that Man of Power
The first and chiefest, to whose worth sa cleare,
Justice hath giuen her Sword up for a yeere :
And as yo're Sunne his perfect splendor shoures,
Cheering the Plains; and no Cloudes interposa
His Radiant Comforts; so no Earshy part
Which makes Eclipses in a Rulers bark
(As in that glorious Planet) must come nyo
The Sunne of Justice, all such myts must flye
You're in an Orbe of Brightnesse plac'd and fixt,
And with no soyle must Honor be commixt.
So to your worthy Progresse Zeal commends
Your Lordship, with your Graue and Noble friends.

The Speech being ended, to adde a little more
help to the fainter Apprehensions, the three Mer-
chants plac'd in the Continent, haue reference to the
Lord Maior and Sherifffes, all Three being this yter
Brothers of this Ancient and Honorable Society,
which triple or three fold Honor hapned to this
Worthy Company in the yeere 1577. Sir Thomas
Ramsey being then Lord Maior, and Master Ni-
cholas Backhouse and Master Francis Bowyer, She-
rifffes; hauing coherence with this yeres Honor,
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matcht and paralell'd with these Three their as
worthy Successors, the right Honorable, Peter
Proby, and the generous and Nobly affected, Ma-
ster John Hodges, and Sir Humphrey Handford Shc-
riffes and Aldermen.

By this time his Lordship being gracefully con-
ducted toward the *Chariot of Fame*, which awaits
his Honors approach near the little Conduit in
Cheape; *Antiquitie* a graue and reverend Perso-
nage, with a golden Register-booke in his hand,
gives life to these words:

The Speech.

O Biects of Yeres and Reverence grecce mine eye,
A Sight most pleasing to Antiquitie;
I neuer could unclasp this Booke of Fame
Where Worthies dwell by a distinguisht Name.
At a more comely season, I shall tell
Things sprung from Truth, neere kin to Miracle;
With that of laser dayes I first begin,
So backe into the deeper Times agen:
I onely touch Thy memory (which I know
In thankefulness can neuer be found slowe)
With Heauens miraculous Mercy, to Thy Health
After so long a Sicknesse, all the wealth

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Whiche thou with an vnusuring banit baste
Which is not the least wondor worthy note,
(Truth makes me speake things freely) cannot be
A greater worter then thy reconcie,
Nine Brethren-Senators thy Sutors are
Whose times had beeone before thee, Death did call
To their eternall Peace, from this degree
Leaving their earthly Honor now to thee,
Thinke and be thankfull still, this seemes the more
Another observation keps in store,
For seuentene Senators since thy time were chose
And to this minute not one dead of those.
Those are not vsuall notes, nor here it endes,
The Court and City two most Noble Friends,
Have made exchange alaate, I reade, from hence
There ha's gone some most worthy Citizens
Up to the Courtes aduance, in lieu of that
You haue a Courtier now your Magistrate,
A Seruant to Elizabeth the blisst,
Since to K. Iames that raignes with Salomons breff.
Kept the Records for both, from the Queene to the
Charge of three hundred Horse, three thousand Foote,
Fourre Attributes cleaves to this Man of Men,
A Scholler, Souldier, Courtier, Citizen,
These are no vsuall touches, to conclude
(Like to his life with blessings so endyde)

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He's chose his Brotherhoo d, men of that Fame
For Bounty, Amity and honored Name
The City bounds transcend not in their place, ^{of the greate}
And their word makes em prosper, God grant grace.
Honor they never wanted, when wast seene
But they had Senators to their Bretheron ^{of the greate}
Nay, one record here to make ioy more glad, ^{of the greate}
I finde seuentene that were in Scarlet clad ^{of the greate}
All at one time of this Fraternitie, ^{of the greate}
Now sene, for this boures honor brings forth threes, ^{of the greate}
Fame triple will make triple vertus triuie ^{of the greate}
At whose triumphant Throne you next arive. ^{of the greate}

For farther Illustration there are contained in
Antiquities golden Legend, the Names of many
Worthies of ancient Time, by whom this Noble
Fraternity ha's received much honor, such as were
the worthy and famous Sir Andrew Bockehell, who
was Lord Maior of this City, the sixteenth yeare
of King Henry the third, and continued in the
Magistracie seuen yeeres together, also the Noble
John de la Zouch, who for his good gouernement
in the time of his Maiorality, was by King Henry
the third, created both a Baron of this Realme,
and Lord chief Justice of England. Also that
famous Worthy, Sir Thomas Knowles, twice Lord
Maior of this honorable City, which said Sir Tho-

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mas beganne at his owne charge that famous building of *Guild-Hall* in *London*, and other memorable workes both in the City, and in his owne Company, Reedifying also *Saint Anthonies* Church; with many others that are faire Ornaments to Memory. *Viz.* Sir *William Scueneock*, sir *Robert Chicheley*, sir *Stephen Browne*, sir *Henry Kebble*, sir *William Laxton*, &c. Who by those Vertues that they were most addicted vnto in their lifetime, are Illustrated by persons of Brightnesse in the *Throne of Virtue*, the next part of *Triumph* that presents it selfe next beneath *Antiquite*, his *Authoritie*, plac'd between *Wisedome* and *Innocence*, holding a naked *Sword*, a *Serpent* woond about the *Blade* thereof, two *Doues* standing vpon the *crosse Barre* of the *Hilt*, and two hands meeting at the *Pummel*, intimating *Mercy* and *Justice*, accompanied with *Magistracie*, who holdes in his hand a *Key* of gold, signifying both the *Key* of *Knowledge* and of *Confidence*, the *City Magistrate* taking into his trust the *Custodie* of the *Kings Chamber*, the proper *Title* of the *City*; and which *Key* of gold also stands in his *Lordships Crest*, *viz.* an *Estridge* holding a *Key* of gold in his *Mouth*, his *Necke* circled with a golden *Crowne*.

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His Lordship by this time arriuing at the Throne
of Vertue, plac'd neare Saint Laurence-Lane end,
Receiuers this greeting from her Deitie.

The Speech.

I See great Power approach; here makes a Stand,
Would it with Vertue ought? for some Command
Seemes so compleate in Selfe-Opinions Eye,
It will scarce looke on me, but passes by;
As if the Essence of my Deitie
Were rais'd by Power, and not Power rais'd by me;
But let such Rulers know that so command
They build the Empire of their Hopes on Sand;
Still This remaines, with Eye upon me fixt
As if he sought to haue His splendors mixt
With those of mine, which makes Authoritie meeki, and
And I me so sicke of Loue to those that seeke
I cannot choose but yeld; nor do's it wrong
Great Power to come to Vertue to be strong,
Being but a Woman, mercifull and milde,
Therein is Heauen with greater glory stilde
That makes weake things, as Clemencie, and Right,
Sway Power, which would else rule all by Might
It may be said you did but late passe by
Some part of Triumph that shakke Vertuously,
And one such Speech suffices; 'tis not so
In taking of your office, there you goe

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From Court to Court, before you be confirm'd
In this high place, which Praetorship is term'd;
From Vertue, if to Vertue you're resort,
It is but the same course you haue in Court
In settling of your Honor; which shoud bee
Redoubled rather, that I hope to see:
So Power and Vertue when they fill one Seate,
The City's bleſſt, the Magistrate compleat.

At the close of the Speech, this *Throne of Vertue* with all her *Celestiall Concomitants*, and the other parts of the Triumph, take leaue of his Lordship for that time, and till after the Feast at Guild-Hall rests from Seruice; but the Feast ended, the whole state of the Triumph attends vpon his Lordship, both to Saint Pauls and homeward; and in Sooper-Lane two parts of the Triumph stand ready planted; *viz.* the *Throne of Vertue*, and the *Globe of Honor*, which *Globe* suddenly opening and flying into eight *Cants* or distinct parts, discouers in a twinkling, eight bright Personages most gloriously deckt, representing (as it were) the *Inward Man*, the Intentions of a Vertuous and Worthy Breſt, by the Graces of the Minde and Soule, ſuch as *Cleere Conſcience*, *Divine Speculation*, *Peace of Heart*, *Intagritie*, *Watchfulneſſe*, *Aequalitie*, *Prouidence*; *Impartialitie*, each exprefte by its proper

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per Illustration. And because Mans perfection can receive no constant Attribute in this Life, the Cloude of Frailty, euer and anon shadowing and darkening our brightest Intentions, makes good the Morality of those Canes or Parts ; when they fall and close into the full round of a *Globe* againe, showing , that as the Brightest Day ha's his ouer-castings ; so the best men in this life haue their Imperfections ; and worldly Mists of rentimes interpose the clearest Cogitations , and yet that but for a season, turning in the end like the mounting of this Engine , to their euerlasting Brightnesse, conuerting it selfe to a Canopic of Statres : at the foure corners below are plac'd the foure Cardinall Vertues, *Wisdom, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance*, by each of them fixt a little Streamer or Banner, in which are displayed, the Armes of this Honorable City, the Lord *Maiors*, the *Grocers*, and the Noble *East-India Companics* : The out-parts of the *Globe* shewing the Worlds Type , in Countries, Seas and Shipping, whereon is depicted or drawne Ships that haue been fortunate to this Kingdome , by their happy and successfull Voyages ; as also that prosperous Plantation in the Colonic of *Virginia*, and the *Bermudae*, with all good wishes to the Gouernors, Traders and Aduenturers vnto those Christianly Reformed Islands.

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The Speech at Night, presented by Hon-
or, A Personage mounted on the top of this
boog. Vnparalleld Master-piece of Inuention and
Art, the Globe or Orbe of Honor.

Honor.

By Virtue you came last, and who brings home
True Honor, must by Virtue alwayes come,
The right Path you haue tooke then, still proceede,
For Continance crownes each worthy Deeds:
Behold this Globe of Honor; every Part
Is compos'd of, to a Noble Hart
Applies Instruction, when it is clos'd and round
It representes the World, and all that's found
Within the labouring Circle of Mans Dayes,
Aduentures, Dangers, Cares, and steepie Wayes;
Which when a Wise-man thinkes on, strait he mounts
To Heauenly Cogitations, and accounts
The vexing Spirite of Care and Labour vaine:
Lifting himselfe to his full height againe:
And as this Engine do's in eight Parts rise
Discouering eight Bright Figures, so the Wise
From this Lifes slumber rous'd, (which Time deludes,)
Opens his Heart to eight Beatitudes.
Standar'd Honor surroping All,
Here fixe thy Foote on this Orbicular Ball,

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Ouer the World expressing my Command
As I in this Contemptuous Posture stand:
So every good and vnderstanding Spirit
Makes but Vse onely of this Life, i inheritt
A n euerlasting Liuing; making Frends
Of Mammons Heapes, got by vnrigheteous Ends,
Which happy Thou standst free from, the more white
Sits Honor on thee, and the last more bright
Thy Noble Brotherhood this Day bestowes;
Expence is grac'd when Substance follow Showes,
Now to no higher Pitch of Prestige I'le come,
Love brought thee forth, and Honor brings thee home.

FOR the body of the whole Triumph, with all
the proper Graces and Qrnaments of Art and
Workmanship, the Reputation of those, rightly
appertaine to the deserts of Master Garret Crismas,
an Exquisite Master in his Art, and a Performer
aboue his Promises.

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